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NEWS RELEASE**



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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING**

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 6 hours from 6 p.m. until midnight Sunday, July 28 in the Kotzebue District.

Catch during Friday night's 4-hour opening was 9,082 chum salmon by 40 permit holders.

Catch index at the department test fish project near Kiana indicates a good chum salmon run to the Kobuk River. The test fish chum catch ranks sixth highest in the 21-year project history.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.